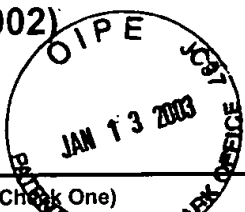


FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2002)



Complete if Known

Application No. 09/652,579
Filing Date August 31, 2000
First Named Inventor Vishnu K. Agarwal
Group Art Unit 2825
Examiner Caridad M. Everhart
Atty. Docket Number 501082.14 (98-0616.13)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 101 | 750 | 201 | 375 | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee |
| 106 | 330 | 206 | 165 | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee |
| 108 | 750 | 208 | 375 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee |
| 114 | 160 | 214 | 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee |

Subtotal (1) \$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Current Claims | Prior | Extra | Fee | Fee Paid |
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| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | x \$ = \$ |

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| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 103 | 18 | 203 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 | 84 | 202 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 | 280 | 204 | 140 | Multiple dependent Claim |
| 109 | 84 | 209 | 42 | Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 | 18 | 210 | 9 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee paid |
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| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath | \$ |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | \$ |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | Non-English specification | \$ |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for Reexamination | \$ |
| 195 | 300 | 196 | 300 | Publication (early or Republication) | \$ |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | \$ |
| 116 | 410 | 216 | 205 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month | \$ |
| 117 | 930 | 217 | 465 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month | \$ |
| 118 | 1,450 | 218 | 725 | Extension for reply within 4 th month | \$ |
| 128 | 1,970 | 280 | 985 | Extension for reply within 5 th month | \$ |
| 120 | 320 | 220 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | \$ |
| 121 | 280 | 270 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | \$ |
| 148 | 110 | 248 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee | \$ |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | \$ |
| 141 | 1,300 | 241 | 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | \$ |
| 142 | 1,300 | 242 | 650 | Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies) | \$ |
| 143 | 470 | 243 | 235 | Design issue fee (+ advance copies) | \$ |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | \$ |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | \$ |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | Submission of IDS | \$180 |
| 581 | 40 | 81 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$ |
| 179 | 750 | 279 | 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | \$ |

Other fee (specify)

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Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 47 and 48.

Please amend claims 76, 78, and 79 as follows:

76. (Amended) A method of treating a wafer, comprising:
depositing a first conductive layer onto the wafer;
exposing the wafer in situ to a reducing environment;
depositing a second conductive layer; and
exposing the wafer to a material selected from the group consisting
of phosphine, HCL, and boron trichloride.

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